

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION AND NEWPATH HOLDINGS, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-00-18
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**ORDER DOCKETING AMENDMENT NO. 1 AND NO. 2 TO NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS**

(Issued December 12, 2000)

On November 28, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation (Qwest), and NewPath Holdings, Inc. (NewPath), filed a first and second amendment to their negotiated interconnection agreement. The first amendment replaces existing unbundled network elements language in its entirety with new terms, conditions, and rates and replaces existing operational support systems language in its entirety with new terms, conditions, and rates. The second amendment replaces the existing collocation section in its entirety with new collocation terms, conditions, and rates. On May 15, 2000, Qwest and NewPath filed a pleading stating that NewPath was adopting a previously approved negotiated interconnection agreement. Review by the Utilities Board (Board) of the amendments is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

The parties to the negotiation or any interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the amendment within 30 days of the filing pursuant to 199 IAC 38.7(4). Accordingly, the Board will accept written

comments filed on or before December 28, 2000. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate for review of the amended agreement after any comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4), the Board must approve or reject a negotiated interconnection agreement or amendment within 90 days of the submission, or the agreement or amendment will be deemed approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The proceeding to review Amendments No. 1 and No. 2 to the negotiated interconnection agreement as filed on November 28, 2000, by U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and NewPath Holdings, Inc., shall be identified as Docket No. NIA-00-18.

2. Comments supporting approval or rejection of the amended agreement by the parties to the negotiation or other interested parties shall be filed on or before November 28, 2000.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 12th day of December, 2000.